

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) Installation for the retrieval of a pollutant fluid (4) contained in at least one section (2) of transverse tanks of a sunken ship (1), this installation comprising:

means of introducing pressurized water into the section ~~and;~~

means of delivering the pollutant fluid to the outside of the section;

at least one connecting pipe (L) coming from an emergency ship (30) being able to be connected to one of the means of delivery; ~~and, characterized in that it comprises~~  
a plurality of fixed pipes (t, T) each one having a first end and a second end (8, 9, 12, 13);

wherein these fixed pipes being positioned such that their first ends (8, 12) emerge at least at the level of each ~~one of the~~ corners of ~~the~~ ends of the section and; ~~in that~~

wherein their second ends (9, 13) are each attached to a pipe valve (10, 14) which, on the one hand, is housed in a compartment (3) fixed above the floatation line of the sunken ship and, on the other hand, can be controlled from ~~the~~ outside of the sunken ship; and

wherein each of the said fixed pipes being able, depending on the position of the sunken ship on the seabed, to constitute a means of introduction of pressurized water into the inside of the section or a means of delivery of the pollutant fluid to the exterior of the section.

2. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein each compartment (3) containing pipe valves (10, 14) is fixed on the deck of the sunken ship (1).

3. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 ~~and 2,~~  
~~characterized in that~~wherein a pair of the fixed pipes (t, T) is connected to each compartment (3) containing two valves (10, 14).

4. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein each pair of fixed pipes comprises, on the one hand, a first short fixed pipe (t) ~~emerging at the~~top part of the section (2), and, on the other hand, a second fixed pipe (T) ~~emerging in the~~bottom part of the section and having a length greater than the height of the tanks (5, 6).

5. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 to 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein four separate compartments (3) containing pipe valves (10, 14) are associated with each section (2) of transverse tanks.

6. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein each section (2) of the transverse tanks can be divided into several tanks (5, 6) able to connect with each other after opening wall valves (7) provided in walls separating the said tanks.

7. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the wall valves (7) are positioned in ~~the~~a bottom part and in ~~the~~a top part of each of the walls separating the tanks (5, 6) of a section (2).

8. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 to 7, ~~characterized in that~~wherein each pipe and wall valve (7, 10, 14) is a parallel-slide gate valve.

9. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 to 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a first end (8, 12) of a fixed pipe (t, T) emerges in each of the corners of each tank (5, 6).

10. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein each tank (5, 6) is separated from an adjacent tank by a partition (40) and ~~in that~~ this separating partition is traversed, in ~~the~~a vicinity of each of its corners, by a

connector (41) to which is fitted a weighted valve (42) capable, depending ~~of~~upon the position of the ship, of closing or opening ~~the~~a through passage section of ~~the~~ said connector.